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Notice the completed Capitol steps on the east side (*photo below right*). Now notice the Capitol steps, demolition in progress, on the west side (*photo below left*). According to **Jan Frew**, Design and Construction Manager for the Division of Public Works, the demolition of the west steps is on schedule and continues between 3:00 – 11:00 p.m. on weekdays. The work is slow and steady. The good news – we are on the last phase of the exterior repair work. You will see more scaffolding on the west side of the Capitol in mid-February, weather permitting, as workers from TMC Masonry, the subcontractor in charge of the exterior masonry and stone repair, remove deteriorated mortar and replace it with fresh mortar. They also will be removing and replacing stone patches (dutchmen) at the top of the Capitol.



Jan Frew also reports that after a review of the granite base of the Capitol, there are twelve granite stones that need to be replaced (*picture at bottom right of a deteriorating stone.*) The stones are deteriorating so completely that they crumble when touched. Work needs to be started now quarrying and cutting the granite to replace these stones. Watch next week for an article about **Laurie DuRocher**, Estimator and Project Manager for TMC Masonry. Laurie says that replacement granite that matches the existing granite on the Capitol has been located in Alabama. Large blocks of granite will be quarried and the material will be shipped to Idaho Travertine in Idaho Falls for cutting and tooling. The granite to be replaced will be cut into small pieces for removal and the replacement pieces will be slid into place.



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